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SUBJ: OVERSEAS SCHOOLS - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN US

REF: ROME 4907

1. TREATMENT ACCORDED UNIS IN NEW YORK BY USG AND LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AND CONDITIONS OF STAFF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNIS DOES NOT PAY PROPERTY TAXES TO CITY OF NEW YORK.

B. UNIS TEACHERS AND STAFF MUST PAY INCOME TAX TO USG,
NEW YORK STATE AND NEW YORK CITY. WHERE THERE IS A
RECIPROCAL TAX TREATY BETWEEN US AND COUNTRY OF STAFF
MEMBER, NO TAX MUST BE PAID FOR FIRST TWO YEARS OF
STAFF MEMBER'S EMPLOYMENT WITH UNIS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD
HOWEVER, THAT IN THESE CASES, STAFF MEMBER IS LIABLE
FOR TWO YEARS TAX TO HIS OWN COUNTRY ON HIS RETURN HOME.

C. UNIS DOES NOT PAY SALES OR EXCISE TAX.

D. TEACHERS AT UNIS HAVE OPTED NOT TO TAKE PART IN US
SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM. SERVICE STAFF (CLERKS,
MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL) PAY INTO SOCIAL
SECURITY PROGRAM.

E. UNIS HAS ITS OWN PENSION PLAN. STAFF PAYS 7 PERCENT
AND UNIS PAYS 7 PERCENT. COPY OF UNIS PENSION PLAN
BEING AIR POUCHED TO EMBASSY ROME SO THAT MORE SPECIFIC
DETAILS OF PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE. BOOKLET ON LIFE
INSURANCE AND MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR INIS STAFF

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IS ALSO BEING POUCHED.

F. LIST OF UNIS STAFF BY NATIONALITY IS BEING PREPARED
BY UNIS AND WILL BE POUCHED BY USUN ON APRIL 17.

G. NON-US UNIS PERSONNEL DO NOT REPEAT NOT ENJOY
DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, USUN
AND CITY OF NEW YORK MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL
TO UNIS STAFF.

2. ITALIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE IS NOT LISTED IN NEW
YORK PHONE BOOK AND WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF IT. WE ARE
CHECKING FURTHER HOWEVER, AND WILL ADVISE EMBASSY RESULTS
OF OUR INVESTIGATION BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
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